Moyer's Statement.

President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners in his statement said: "I have wired President Wilson. Gov. Ferris, Secretary of Labor Wilson and Secretary Morrison of the Ameri-, can Federation of Labor, acquainting them with the disaster, and urging national and state investigation into the cause. My information is that no striker or any one in sympathy with the strike brought about this catastrophe. There are many who testify that a man from the outside came up the stairs and yel ed 'Fire!' A leader of the "citizens" alliance. taking notice of the statement of President Moyer and the charges made by

"It is preposterous to suppose that any member of the citizens' alliance would have attempted to disturb Christmas celebration of the children of miners in such manner.'

DESIGNED DEATH BUILDING.

Washington Architect Unable to Account for Calumet Horror.

The building at Calumets Mich. which so many lives were lost during a Christmas celebration last night, when erected from plans prepared by Paul H Mr. Macneil said today he was unab to account for the great loss of life which resulted when the women and children attempted to rush from th building. He asserted the stairways and hall in the structure are wider than those required in such a structure by the District building regulations. At the front of the building there is a flight of stairs seven feet wide, he said, and a slightly narrower flight is located at the rear The building is provided with fire escapes at one side and at the end, he

Arrangement of Building.

It is a two-story structure and was erected in December, 1908, for the Italian Mutual Benefit Association of that place. It has a frontage of sixty-five feet and a depth of ninety feet. On the ground floor a store and a saloon are located. There is a hall, fifty by eighty feet, on the second floor. It is fitted with a stage, | to beneath which is located a dining room, where refreshments are served whenever

dances are heid. The building is made of what is termed slow-burning or mill construction, Mr. Macneil declared. The walls are of brick. The site on which it stands formerly was occupied by a frame structure containing brick structure was erected in its place.

Wide halls and stairs and ample fire escapes were provided. Mr. Macneil says. The front or main stairs consist of two flights with a platform between them.

Federal Inquiry Asked.

following telegram today from Charles a religious one, which has more than copper strike at Calumet and vicinity, grows as it has grown, be the most capital. Christmas eve tragedy. The telegram to look back upon at the end of 1914. dated last night, was as follows:

"While striking miners with their wives and little ones were arranging for a All the signs of the times are point-Christmas tree in a hall at Calumet, ing to the fact that men have lately Mich., tonight, the door was opened by a more and more put away the "selfish person who gave a false alarm of fire. contemplation of life," and that the In their effort to get out of the hall sev- world is growing better in heart and in cumstances surrounding this terrible oc-currence demand immediate investigation bear out that statement, and it is a by the government. I have wired the fact that every cabinet officer who

Scissors





Committee in Charge.

Members of the Chorus.

CHARACTERS IN TABLEAUX PRE-SENTED ON CAPITOL STEPS.

JOY OF CHRISTMAS IN HEARTS OF ALL THROUGHOUT LAND Great Crowd Throngs Capitol

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and friends, the innocent fun of grownup as well as small children, and more and more each year that passes to the sense of responsibility that underlies CHORUS OF 1,000 SINGS the phrase "Peace on Earth, Good Will

Inspiring Services Held.

In Washington the heads of the government who have remained here for Rich and Poor Mingle in a Spirit of the holidays have again set the example to the people of going to the a hall. This was burned down and the churches and mingling in common prayer for the nation as well as the ndividual. In some of the churche The building was erected at a cost of mind a recent remark of President Wil- estimates made by the police, gathered in Sheiry demanding federal investigation of the satisfactory thing the nation will have

Secretary Wilson said he would com ideal of the "helping hand." It is the municate with the President as soon as new thing in the public life of today, Christmas day.

"COMMUNITY" TREE ATTRACTS 20,000

Plaza to Participate in Celebration.

PRAISES OF REDEEMER

Fellowship and Good Will.

a place of worship could fail to put by and to take part in Washington's first

ly wept as tableaux were presented on Hiram Whitehead. story of the nativity, while the Marine keep back the crowds about the plat-Band played such music as Beethoven's form, there were about 150 scouts in "Creation Hymn," and a chorus of 1,000 the chorus of 1,000. voices swelled the melody.

Mingled in Fellowship.

The celebration was a great, popular W. White, R. P. Andrews, D. J. Callahan, President. Will you see him and urge makes a speech pleads for co-operation joining of all classes of Washingto- E. C. Graham, Charles J. Columbus, J. and holds up before his hearers the nians in honor of Christmas, and gath- M. Chery, Odell S. Smith, E. S. Martin possible, but that he did not know wheth and as such a proper, indeed, a neces- spruce tree, electrically lighted, per- Kelley, B. L. Hackenberger, R. L. Conso much so that the appreciation shown at some of the music was of the char- Joseph Rudolph, George Plitt, J. R. acter dearest of all to the heart of a Wright, H. C. Duffey, R. H. Martin, J. P. musician—silence. This spirit was especially manifest Holmes, James L. Owens and C. F

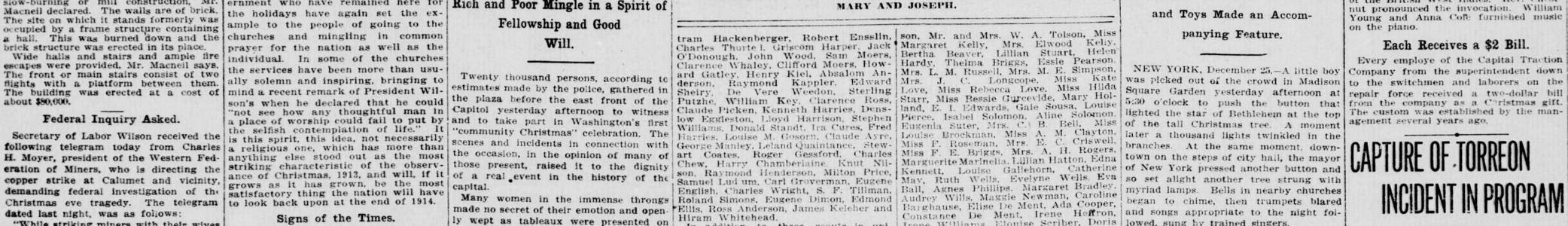
upon the conclusion of the 'Cantique Gockeler. de Noel" by the Marine Band, in which Arthur S. Whitcomb played a cornet solo. The thrilling air wound in and out of the Capitol portico, across the heads of the multitudes and through the trees of the open spaces in the plaza. Every note was as distinct as if Mr. Whitcomb had been playing in room, and as he finished it was plainly evident that his solo had greatly last notes died away figures of angels columns of the portico of the east front of the Capitol, raising their horns, and the chorus swept into the great melody "Hark, the Herald dett, Miss Robinson, Mrs. H. L. Bennit, Hellinger, J. H. Hollinger, Miss Anna Angels Sing."

the crowds took up again the spirit of jollity and fun as they started for home. turning back to look at the Capitol, bear-turning tracks and the capitol tracks are tracked to the capitol tracks and the capitol tracks and the capitol tracks are tracked to the capitol tracks and the capitol tracks are tracked to the capitol tracks and the capitol tracks are tracked to the capitol tracks and the capitol tracks are tracked to the capitol tracks and the capitol tracks are tracked to the capitol tracks and t ing its legend in electric lights, "Peace On Earth, Good Will to Men." Strangers shouted "Merry Christmas" at one an other, and automobile rides were freely offered and accepted. Friendships and ac quaintanceships were struck up, and one woman sent more than one youngster home more happy than before by carryng with her to the Capitol plaza gifts of small dolls and other things and presenting them to children, who, as she expressed it, "looked as if they needed "I know at last," one woman said t

her escort, as they waited for a car "what Christmas means, and I think I have seen this afternoon the most striking thing that has occurred in my lifetime. That legend, 'Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men,' on our Capitol means something. All these different denominations gathered here to celebrate Christmas together-Methodists, Baptists, Spiscopalians. Catholics and all the other creeds and sects that there must be in a great crowd like this-mean that we must at heart all be striving to lead better lives. And I must say, as a Washingtonian, that it stirs me to have it appen under the sheltering dome of our

Affair Excellently Managed.

There were many fragments of conversation that served to show how the home-going crowds had appreciated the spectacle, and praise for those who had gotten up the celebration was unstinted. The police arrangements were excellent, and notwithstanding the tremendous audience there was not a single accident. The Capitol police were in charge of Capt. Frawley. Newspaper arrangements were in charge of James D. Preston, superintendent of the Senate press gallery, who also acted as an assistant to public order committee of citizens. Members of this committee acted as ushers, A line of Boy Scouts, shoulder to shoulder, extended across one of the upper steps of the Capitol, forming a chain of human "footlights" for the improvised stage. They were in charge of Scoutmaster E. S. Martin, and among Stewart Carpenter, Wade Butler, Ber-



Melville, M. L. Flodd, K. L. Purdell, The committee in charge of the celebra- Eva Jackson, Bessie Darnell, A. J. Gulic, Miss F. B. Hill, Miss M. L. Fish-Miss Marguerite Suter, Miss Frances spruce with shouts of delight.

Miss M. S. Benson, Mrs. James Kerr, John Charles, Mrs. J. B. Brown, Mrs. Miss E. M. Fitch, Miss O. J. Dean, Mrs. Shirey, Miss Minnie Myers, Miss Olive the Christmas festival.

sey, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Rosenthal, Mrs. Gerhard, Mrs. D. Dryer, Miss M. Lackey,

Mrs. Thomas Mil er, Mrs. A. Grupe, Miss E. R. Oberly, Miss P. M. Oberly, Miss E. Haney, Miss E. Emmert, Miss Agnes Nel- families happiness and good cheer. son, Miss Ruth Nelson, Miss Tillie Nelson, Miss M. Defandorf, Miss E. Defandorf, Miss Louise Kaphart Mr. and Mrs.

NATION ADOPTS IDEA OF "COMMUNITY" TREE

LIGHTS ON THE CAPITOL.

Hoff, Miss Isabel Allen, Mrs. A. B. Allen,

Miss Helen Moore, S. Moore, Mrs. E.

Doyle, Miss W. H. Brisco, Miss M. Frear,

Public Celebrations of Christmas Are Held in Many Cities.

Distribution to Poor of Comforts and Toys Made an Accompanying Feature.

5:30 o'clock to push the button that from the company as a Caristmas gift.

In addition to these scouts in uni- Irene Williams, Elouise Scriber, Doris lowed, sung by trained singers. the steps of the Capitol depicting the form, on duty for emergencies and to Flaherty, Minerva Cox, Gladys Tobert, PHILADELPHIA, December 25.—Elabo-Elinor Dart, Nellie Baxter, Mrs. Alivira rate celebrations in connection with com- Constitutionalists Say It Is Part of In Philadelphia the celebration, which electric light buttons and illuminated the ceived here today of the reported cap- the general Christmas cheer of t er the government would have jurisdiction sary, subject for happy reflection this sons in all walks of life mingled upon ner, G. M. Bond, W. A. Johnston, W. E. G. Irving, Misses Edith and Ethel Irving, Misses Edith an Mrs. G. Shockley, Miss E. Macfarland, the lighting up of the sixty-seven-foot jected march to Mexico City, and that it later in the week.

Eck, Mrs. A. Lotto, Mrs. Alonzo Twee- cago Grand Opera Company, and to Magruder, Mrs. L. Somerville, Miss Fran- CINCINNATI, December 25.—Ringing pressed satisfaction with the operation of an entertainment presented to John Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Embrey, this kind Cincinnati has known. The city Christmas tree-forty-five feet Miss H. M. Soull, the Misses Edna and R. Haycock, Mrs. John Waters, Mr. and high-was illuminated with myriads of electric lights.

Flohr, E. R. Acher, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. | Frank Thompson, Miss Eleanor Hill, Miss | decorated with lights, tinsel and toys. E. Taylor, Miss B. L. Garden, Mrs. G. L. Lavinson, Mrs. George T. Danton, Ed- night. The tree stood on the city hall thoroughly in touch with conditions. Tait, Mrs. M. D. Lindsay, Mrs. S. C. Kel- ward Sheiry, Mrs. A. Sidney Jones, Miss lawn, and a band and choir furnished logg, Miss Ruth Rogers, Mrs. W. H. Mus- M. B. McCord, Mrs. I. Merritt, Mrs. L. music on the municipal building steps.

Haley, Mrs. Orr. Mrs. Hutley, Mrs. Char- Mrs. I. C. Puling, Miss A. Steinmetz, Mrs. a choir of 300 men and boys, standing lotte Lippitt, Mrs. Harry Patten, Miss A. Smith, Mrs. L. F. Valentine, Mrs. E. beneath a big lighted Christmas tree,

mas celebration and turned attention to By order of the board of supervisors, all unemployed who applied were fed at the City Relief Home. Work will be pro-

vided, beginning Monday. ALBANY, December 25.-Thousands of persons gathered in the Capitol grounds last night to dedicate a municipal Christ

mas tree and sing carols. BOSTON, December 25.-The municipal Christmas celebration of last year was repeated last night, when thousands of persons gathered about a sixty-foot evergreen on the Common. Mayor Fitzgerald, convalescent after an illness, touched a button which started the program of festivities he had arranged.

"Star of Hope" Cheers Baltimore.

above the topmost branch, sixty-two feet above the sidewalk, a "star of hope" diffused its electric rays. Just before Mayor Preston pressed the button that turned the electric current into 3,500 bulbs at 5:30 o'clock, bells were rung all over the city. A musical program was endered, in which seminarians from St. Mary's Seminary, the United German Singers and the 5th Regiment Band par-

GREETINGS TO THE POLICE.

Commissioner Siddons and Maj. Syl vester Extend Best Wishes.

and Maj. Sylvester, chief of police, ex- day's good cheer and were provided with tended Christmas greetings to members turkey and cranberries and many good of the police force. The former stated: ings, and sincerely trust that Christmas institutions, and left gifts for the nearly day will bring to each of you and your 700 boys and girls of the correctional to the force and expressed the hope that big dinners were provided for them members of his command would have as Many of the District's more unfortunate happy a holiday as the unrelenting serv- wards at the workhouse and jail were re ice will allow.

Clothing and Food Distributed. Christmas was celebrated at the Colored Social Settlement, 18 L street southwest, sweet potatoes, mince and pumpkin pies by the distribution of clothing and food among the poor.

Alfred Jones School Celebrates.

Christmas was celebrated by the pupils of the Alfred Jones School Tuesday. The school was decorated in Christmas greens. the seventh and eighth grades read com- girls quartered there. The festivities positions. Emma Saunders conducted a began last night with a cantata and Christmas drill, while the seventh-grade Christmas tree. Letters to Santa Caus children gave a shepherd's exercise. An were answered by the Cathedra, School address was delive ed by Rev. Mayhew for Girls, St. Alban's Church, Christ of the British West Indies. Rev. Chest- Child Guild and members of the Normal nut pronounced the invocation. William School Alumnae. Religious services Young and Anna Cole furnished music were conducted in the chapel at le on the piano.

Each Receives a \$2 Bill.

Plan in Progress to City of Mexico.

President Expresses Satisfaction.

him informed of any important develop- tion New Year day. ments in the situation, but ordinary hapment is also to be notified of any vital changes in the Mexican situation, but Acting Secretary John Bassett Moore is announce the day on which Christmas

Looks for a Strong Man to Dominate.

in the Mexican government. He optimistically predicted that the present trouble will be solved satisfactorily, and that when another strong man goes into power Mexico will have another long Soldiers and Sailors' Home

EXCISE BOARD'S DECISION MAY AID SHAPIRO'S CASE Company's Head Wires Superintend-

Strange Pleas in Police Court Likely to Save License and Reverse

Imposed Fines.

53 E street northwest, may have use- personal one and to the whole comlessly paid a fine of \$100, and Simpson munity which has to face such a dicad-Brock, colored, may have spent fifteen ful calamity. days in the workhouse when there reaches you, you will have done everywas no occasion for it, all because of thing in the company's power financially the strange pleas they elected to make and with our hospital service to render when Shapiro recently was presented assistance to the victims and their famin Police Court on a charge of selling liles in this frightful accident. liquor to Brock, a minor. At least this is the opinion of members of the excise board, who, Tuesday, summoned NEW YORK, December 25. George F Shapiro before them to show cause why Parker, an attorney formerly of Brookhis license should not be revoked. The line, Mass., who was connected with the licensee said he had entered a plea of law office of Alton B. Parker, committed guilty because he could not afford to suicide today by inhaling gas. He was not related to Judge Parker. His friends hire a lawyer to defend him. Since then the board has had Brock

before it and is inclined to the belief, from statements made by him, that he is not a minor, but was more than twenty-one years of age at the time M. Travis, minister to Brazil under Present with him if he represented himself sixty-eight years old. to be much younger than he really was. The board is now looking up W. C. Burke of Richmond, Va., who Brock's birth record, and if it is found was suddenly stricken by blindness while

FOR UNFORTUNATES

Good Dinners and Entertainments in All District Institutions.

TURKEY AND ROAST PORK AS TABLE ADORNMENTS

Christmas Trees and Musical Programs in Which the Inmates Had Parts.

n all of Washington's charitable, penal Prisoners at the workhouse and jail, boys and girls at the industrial and training schools, patients at the tuberculosis hos pital, transients at the municipal lodging house and inmates of the Home for the Aged and Infirm and Soldiers and Sa ors' Temporary Home alike shared in the

Maj. Sylvester extended his best wishes schools. Christmas trees, cantatas and membered by relatives and friends For the Christmas dinners at the various in stitutions the municipality furnished 537 pounds of turkey and 232 quarts of cranberries. Roast pork, chicken, celery. and other edibles made up the menus.

Cantata and Christmas Tree.

o'clock this morning, and, beginning at 1 o'clock, hungry appetites did justice to a turkey and cranberry dinner. Scenes of a much similar character Pupils of the Industrial Home School for Colored Children whose records for were permitted to spend the day with

Good Dinner at Jail.

this respect who remained at the home

were treated to good dinners. Plans

are being made for a Christmas cele

bration to be held at this school next

Supt. W. H. Whittaker declare

give an entertainment at this institu

hospital. Christmas decorations addeto the cheer of the sojourners at the

TELEGRAM OF SYMPATHY

ent of Mine of Deep Interest

BOSTON, December 25.-When informed of last night's tragedy at Caimmet Mich Quincy A. Shaw, president of the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company, sent the following telegram to James Mc-Naughton, superintendent of the mines "In some way through the local papers you will convey our sympathy to the Herman Shapiro, a liquor dealer at men and women to whom the loss is a

"I feel sure that when this message

George F. Parker Kills Self.

here could assign no reason for the act

Former Minister to Brazil Dead. DANVILLE, Ill., December 25.—Charles

he purchased the liquor from Shapiro. | ident Grant and law partner of Gen. Lew When questioned as to why ne did not Wallace, died at the soldiers' home here give his exact age. Brock said he yesterday after a long illness. He was

to support his statements, Snapiro, of working on the organ at St. Patrick's course, will be in no danger of losing Catholic Church, Cumberland, Md., may partially regain his sight.

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